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YOUR AIRPORT-- "USE IT OR LOSE IT"

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Tri-City Airport

The term "use it or lose it" is a phrase coined several years ago by the Civil Aeronautics Board, and at that time was used with regard to the inauguration of new service by local service airlines to cities throughout the United States. This term simply meant that if within a certain period of time the city did not use the airline service provided by the local air service carrier, it would then lose its airline service. Today, we have a situation at the Tri-City Airport where the term "use it or lose it" can also be applied. Either the citizens of the Tri-City area use the facilities at the Tri-City Airport, or they have a chance of losing not only the airline service, but the airport itself.

The Civil Aeronautics Board has instituted an investigation under Docket #14288 whereby the question of whether or not the continuance of United Airlines service at the Tri-City Airport serving Midland, Bay City and Saginaw should continue or whether North Central Airlines, a local service carrier on government subsidy, should be allowed to operate the market exclusively, therefore eliminating the need for subsidy.

Also in this investigation is the possible question of a regional airport serving Midland, Bay City, Saginaw and Flint. This could be Bishop Airport in Flint, the Tri-City Airport, or a new airport midway between the two areas. This investigation could very well mean that the air transportation facilities being provided by United Airlines, a trunk air carrier, and the Tri-City Airport could by Federal Order be changed or eliminated, therefore greatly affecting the air transportation needs of the citizens of the Tri-City area. The facts I am about to present indicate that there is need for improvement in the attitude of citizens from the Tri-City area in regard to the use of local air transportation facilities. As we look at the facts and the future, if some changes are not made, the Civil Aeronautics Board in reality could all but eliminate the air transportation potential of the Tri-City area.

In 1962, there were 11,708 air carrier operations at the Tri-City Airport. This amounts to 32 operations per day. During the same period of time, 96,970 people got on or off airline aircraft at the Tri-City Airport, an average of 265 passengers per day, or 8.3 passengers per flight per day, inbound and outbound from the Tri-City Airport. This is not a very good average, but if you were to add to the figures that have been presented the number of people from the Tri-City area who drove to and from Detroit and boarded aircraft at Willow Run or Detroit Metropolitan Airport, then I am sure the statistics would be far better. Therefore, our problem seems to be that there are too many people from the cities of Midland, Bay City and Saginaw who are not using and supporting their local airport facilities but are instead contributing to the support of other airports, to the detriment of Tri-City Airport. Undoubtedly, these people have their reasons for not using local facilities, but if each one of them were to weigh the advantages to himself against the disadvantages to the entire Tri-City area, as a result of their not using the airport facilities their tax dollars are providing, I think a lot of them would begin to use the services we have here at our own front door. There are situations whereby during inclement weather, our facilities are such that aircraft cannot land at Tri-City Airport when they can land at places like Flint and De-

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troit. We do not have the non-stop jet service that is provided from the Detroit Airports. The Tri-City Airport Commission realizes these problems and is working with the Federal Aviation Agency to provide a control tower and instrument landing facilities at Tri-City Airport so we can become an all-weather facility and provide the people of the Tri-City area with the all-out capabilities needed in a good, all-around air transportation system. We will never have the volume or diversity of airline service that Detroit airports provide, but we will have good, adequate service as well as connecting service by both piston and jet-powered aircraft. But before these things can be a reality, before schedules can be increased and jet service provided, our citizens, you, your family, your friends, your business associates and your company must recognize the need for supporting your local airport facility and working with your Tri-City Airport Commission in providing in this airport facility what you, the traveling public, want from the standpoint of terminal facilities, air carrier schedules, and general aviation services.

In summary, let me say that I am sure that if we can reach enough people by this article, and have them discussing it, and if need be, calling the airlines or the Airport Commission to voice their thoughts on existing service and facilities, we can eventually obtain the support your airport deserves. It's strictly up to you . . . it is your airport . . . if you don't use it, you may lose it.

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As this years Little League comes to an end, I would like to thank the many people who helped make it a success. The officers, managers, umpires and particularly the boys. Also those who helped support the league by buying candy or donating funds necessary for purchasing equipment. If you are interested in ordering pictures of your sons team you may still do so by calling Kenneth Robishaw, OX 5-9249 or Al Harvie OX5-9175 before August 3rd, 1963.
.....Kenneth Robishaw.

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Student Pastor for Zion Lutheran

Mr. John Crilley of Royal Oak, Michigan will serve at Zion Lutheran Church in Freeland as student pastor during the month of August.

His training will be outlined so as to give him the opportunities for valuable experience in the ministry as well as for service to a congregation.

His main areas of responsibility will be in the fields of canvassing, preaching, evangelism and calling on the sick and shut-ins. While Rev. McCollister is on vacation, Mr. Crilley will take over the entire program of the church for two weeks.

Mr. Crilley, 23, received his B. A. degree from Capital University Columbus, Ohio last year. He is currently studying at the Ev. Lutheran Theological Seminary in the same state. Upon completion of his brief internship at Zion, he will return to the seminary to continue his program of study for the holy ministry.

PARK BOARD

The Tittabawassee Memorial Park Board wishes to thank everyone who helped to raise $312.15 for the improvement and repairs of the Park and Building. Individuals from every organized group in the township helped with the project or contributed food. It was a fine co-operative effort. The Apron Booth, through the work of Mrs Charles Sarle and Mrs. J. F. Powley netted $28.30. (next col.)

General Chairman of this years' project was Mrs. Harold Reiss. Other chairmen were: Mrs. Leo Turnbull, Mrs. Russell Strayer, Mrs. Arthur Vollmer, Mrs. Edith Munger and Mrs. Harry Winchell.

.....For the Board,
Mrs. Arthur Vollmer, Sec.

FREELAND AREA VETERANS MEETING

On Thursday, August 8th, 1963, at 8:00 p.m., there will be a meeting held at the Memorial Park Building - - for the purpose of organizing an American Legion Post. For further information, please call OX 5-9230 or OX 5-9756.

Midland County Fair to Have "Freeland Day"

Tuesday, August the 13th will be "Freeland Day" at the Midland County Fair. On that same evening, the Freeland High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Nemvalts, will present a band concert....

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...Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Priest vacationed at Newport, R.I., visiting their sons who are serving in the navy, Leon C. Priest and Wm. E. Speaker and family..... Recently married were Jerry L. Turnbull of Freeland and Miss Ruth C. West of Norfolk, Va. ....Mr.H.J. Lantz visiting friends and relatives here...Miss Nancy Buck was a representative of the Saginaw Jr. 4-H Clubs and attended the National Citizens

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Council in Wash., D.C... Mrs. Gertrude Link and daughter, Nancy vacationing in Colorado..., while there Mrs. Link had the misfortune to fall and injure her back and she is now in Penrose Hospital at Colorado Springs..... Dick Vasold recently hospitalized.....Community Council meets August 19th.....Carl Burk, son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Burk is a patient at St. Luke's.....

Recent Fire Calls

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From July 1st to July 8th, seven separate calls were made to various points along the C & O Railroad Tracks to extinquish grass fires that were ignited by passing trains. The fires were in an area extending from Tittabawassee Road north to Mapleton.

July 6 - Ronald Johns, N. River, grass fire.
July 8 - Roy Taylor, Barn-garage fire, auto and pick-up damaged.
July 20- Fred Reichard, Davis Road, grass fire.
July 23- Ralph Neuenfeldt, Homer Rd. wheat field fire.
July 24- Ed Richard, Dice Rd., Water Heater.

Cards of Thanks

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Mr. Kenneth Foy wishes to express his thanks to all for their cards and well wishes during his recent hospitalization and to Pastor McCollister for his visits.

Mrs. Nora Wiltse wishes to thank Fr. Ecarius and all of her friends for their cards, flowers and best wishes during her illness.

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